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Arkansas: partly cloudy, little temperature change this afternoon, fair tonight; warmed Tuesday.

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## Russia Probes Rumor

# of Anglo-Nazi Peace; Allies Promptly Deny

## National Labor Draft Measure Is Opposed

—Washington

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt today

Moscow, Jan. 17 (AP)—Pravda published a Cairo report today that two English officials had conferred secretly with German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop to find terms for a separate peace with Germany, and added:

"It is understood the meeting did not remain without results."

The 10-line dispatch, published at the top of Pravda's foreign news page under the heading, "Rumors from Cairo," said the meeting "had

## Allies Seize Two Points from Maps, Improve Position

party opposition in Congress fails to enact national service legislation by July and the attempts to force endorsement of the proposal by the House and Senate fail, the Convention, legislators said today.

The president's proposal that the government be given the power to assign and control the military service of all American-born males aged 18 to 25, such as drafted in 1964

the aim of winning out "the bonds of peace and separate peace with the Germans."

"It took place "one of the sea-coast cities in the Pyrenees peninsula," apparently Spain or Portugal, and was reported by the Communist party newspaper's report. The text of the dispatch:

"Cairo, Jan. 12 - (By Special

The Allies' position in the Southwest was "very serious," it was reported today by the capture of two key points from the Japanese along with another heavy aerial blow that cost the enemy heavily in men and in damage to its ships.

ation from both Democrats and Republicans the issue may be resolved. The speaker said that the hearings will be started tomorrow but he did not say whether the Congress should delay action or reject the proposal. It may be presided over by Speaker Linn.

Asserting the president's proposal was "a very serious and painful," Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) said he would not be surprised if the proposal was "being administered as an answer to public criticism."

Weekend communiques also told of ten Nepionese raids on British, New Guinea and the Solomons, but the damage, which was not specified, was listed as light.

For East Asia, China—American bombers flew to French Indo-China to attack the Hongkong and Canton area. The Japanese occupied two more villages, but the Japanese base at Akyab was not attacked.

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"People all over the country are going to be upset because they don't know what will happen to Egypt," Ferguson said. "We have heard a lot of instances for and against the use of the word Pravda, but I think the word is correct. The name cannot be used without regard to the story lightly, raising the question that if it originated in Cairo, why was it not circulated by British and American news agencies as well as Pravda? He said that he had not yet received any word from the British or American army units at Saida. Another Aussie force continued its inland advance toward the main goal of Madagbig-Nipponese defense base 65 miles northwest of Saida."

In Washington, the first response of officials was frank amazement that such a report should have been published in a paper which usually speaks with authority as *Franklin's* is a less authoritative publication; the report would have received little or no attention.

## Plan to Let Soldiers Vote

# Earthquake Toll: thousands as Whole Argentine City Wrecked

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17 (UPI)—A survivor of the disastrous earthquake which struck the Argentine city of San Juan during the weekend, killing and injuring thousands, said the quake "completely struck one mighty blow," "cutting off the city from the rest of the world."

The injured—one estimate placed the number as high as 13,000—lacked shelter and food. The quake, which struck the city, 100 miles south of San Juan, and authorities ordered school buildings converted into temporary shelters.

Counties paying the poll taxes of their respective service men and women and women from the poll tax; He also proposed temporary measures to take the place of election for the summer primaries, and the 1944 general election. They

The survivor, Moises Ruiman, declared upon reaching Mendoza the quake came without warning and in an instant plunged the city of 30,000 into total darkness. Hundreds of survivors huddled in the city at the roots of it by a scythe."

And nurses worked without rest amid the debris of the stricken city, administering to the injured. Additional doctors and nurses, and blood plasma, medicine, food and clothing, were being rushed by train, plane and truck.

Offers of help came from all sections of the country. The Argentine Democratic state committee ordered closure of all tickets for township through state offices 90 days before the July-August primaries;

County Democratic Central committees preparing two sets of bal-

city square and open parks. He added, while others sought to exorcise the dying and the injured whose screams were heard in the darkness.

Troops and other rescue workers were digging additional bodies from the ruins of the dead city today.

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Argentina has called an emergency cabinet meeting for today to consider additional measures for relief and reconstruction of the city. The Buenos Aires radio said in a broadcast heard by U.S. government monitors, Ramirez and a party of officials will make a peripatetic tour of the city.

To the suddenness as with the intensity of the temblor. Thousands were trapped in their homes and additional hundreds were caught in cemeteries and restaurants. An undetermined number were reported killed and injured while attending a service in the cathedral, facing a service in the heart of the

state committee for a meeting here Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. to amend party rules to conform with the governor's suggestion.

Adkins said leaders of both parties had agreed to close the general election ticket 60 days before the voting. He asserted, his

Authorities said 90 per cent of the buildings in San Juan, which was jolted by two shocks Saturday night and Sunday morning, were destroyed and none of those left standing was habitable. The quake destroyed a farmstead reinforced with steel beams and a reinforced concrete apartment square in the heart of the city.

The town, founded by Spaniards in 1562, suffered a severe earthquake in 1894 and lesser ones in 1936 and last March. Famous for its fruit and wines, San Juan was one of the places in Latin America where slavery never abated.

The plan has been worked out with the cooperation of Attorney General Guy E. Williams, secretary of state C. G. Hall, Comptroller J. Bryan Sims and officials of the two parties and the county judges' association.

crumblers" and other structures, such as the city hall and other government buildings, as well as the twin-spired 19th century cathedral and other more ancient practice.